(SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) Seven persons were killed in a fire in Sundar Nagari in the area of Police Station, Nand Nagari on 5.6.90.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) The next of kin of the deceased was given assistance .. Rs. 10,000!-

मुरादाबाद में एक हरिजन कालोनी में पुलिस की कथित ज्यादतियां

3235. **चौधरी हरि सिंह :** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि ,

(क) क्या यह सच है कि 18 मई, 1990 को पुलिस ने मुरादाबाद (उ.प्र.) के मंझोला फाजिलपुर स्थित एक हरिजन बस्ती को जोर जबरदस्ती से उजाड़ दिया और वहां लूटपाट की;

(ख) संबद्ध जिला पुलिस के उस वरिष्ठ अधिकारी का नाम क्य है जो उक्त बस्ती को उजाड़ने के आदेश देने के लिये जिम्मेदार है; और

(ग) क्या पुलिस द्वारा उजाड़ने और लूटपाट की इस घटना कुछ हरिजन पुरुष, महिलायें और बच्चे घायल हुए हैं ?

गृह मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री सुबोध कांत सहाय) : से (क) से (ग) उत्तर प्रदेशराज्य सरकार से सूचना एकत्र की जा रही है और प्राप्त होते ही सदन के पटल पर रख दी जायेगी ।

Fire in Jhuggis in Pandav Nagar, Delhi

3236. CHOWDHARY HARI SINGH:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:
SHRI MAHENDRA PRASAD:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a fire gutted the jhuggis in Pandav Nagar opposite Shadipur Depot in Delhi on June 8-9. 1990;# and

(b) if so, what was the cause of this fire and the extent of loss to property and life, if any, and the relief provided by Government to the victims?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY "OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY); (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The cause of fire has been assessed as spark from overhead electric wires. There was no loss of life. The precise extent of loss to property has not been determined. Ex-gratia relief of Rs. 500|- per family had been given to 341 families.

Manufacture of illegal arms

3237. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) what steps have been taken by the Central Government to check the manufactur of illegal arms keeping in view the growing terrorism in Punjab and Jammu and Kashmir; and

(b) the number of cases of unlicensed arms manufactures unearthed in the country during January, 1990 to June, 1990. State-wise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SUBODH KANT SAHAY): (a) and (b) Action for unearthing illegal arms, manufacturing units and launching of prosecution against the offenders is taken by State Governments, UT Administrations to whom necessary powers of the Central Government under the Arms Act, 1959 and the Rules framed thereunder have been delegated. Instructions have also been issued from time to time to State Governments[Union Territory Administrations enjoining upon them:—

(i) to make surprise checks to unearth illicit manufacture of arms and ammunition;

(ii) to investigate thefts|losses of arms and ammunition to find out

cause of negligence and to take preventive measures;

(iii) setting up of specialised investigating units in States where crime is rampant;

(iv) to collect and collate intelligence with regard to illicit manufacture and trafficking in arms etc.

Further in the context of rising trend of violence and terroriem by extremists and anti-national elements, the penal provisions of the Arms Act, 1959 were reviewed and made more stringent in the Anns (Amendment) Act, 1988.

According to available information during the period from January, 1990 to June, 1990, nine illegal arms manufacturing units were unearthed from various States a indicated below:—

State/Union Territory	Number of unlicensed arms manufacturers unearthed
1. Maharashtra	2
2. Madhya Pradesh	2
3. Nagaland	1
4. Rajasthan	2
5. Uttar Pradesh	2
TOTAL:	9

In respect of the following States no illegal arms manufacturing units were unearthed during the period January 1990 to June, 1990:—

1. O&N Island
2. Arunachal Pradesh
3. Chandigarh
4. Daman & Diu
5. Dadar & Nagar Haveli
6. Delhi
7. Goa
8. Gujarat
9. Haryana
10. Himachal Pradesh
11. Jammu & Kashmir
12. Karnataka
13. Lakshadweep
14. Mizoram
15. Manipur
16. Orissa
17. Pondicherry
18. Sikkim
19. Tripura

In respect of the remaining States no information is available.

Special communication Networks like Bisnet, etc

3238. SHRI KAMAL MORARKA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering special communication networks like Bisnet, etc; and

(b) if so, what are the details there' of?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS